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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed August 07, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response was initially due November 07, 2002. Applicants herein submit a petition for a two month extension of time to January 07, 2003, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Postcard
- Petition for two month extension of time
- Copies of declarations under 37 C.F.R. §1.131
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